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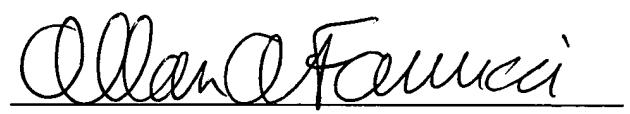
Claims 1-3 and 5-63, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-6, 41, 44 and 51-63 is noted with appreciation. In response, applicants have re-written claim 41 in independent form and have amended claims 1, 42, 43 and 50 to incorporate the features of claim 4, which is now cancelled, to place those independent claims in condition for allowance. These amendments obviate all claim rejections. As claims 2, 3, 5-40, 45-49 and 51-63 depend directly or indirectly from one of the allowable independent claims, it is believed that all current claims are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, it is believed that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. In the event that the Examiner does not agree that all claims are now allowable, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in an effort to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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